

MINUTES
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 28, 2009
Hamilton County Highway Department
1700 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. in the conference room at the Hamilton County Highway Department. President Holt called the meeting to order declaring a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger and Commissioner Steven A. Holt.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

S.R. 238 Discussion

Mr. Brad Davis reported that he does not have an exact date of the State's relinquishment of SR 238 to Hamilton County but he anticipates it will be completed by the end of 2009. From I-69 south will be relinquished to Hamilton County, Fishers is under the impression that the portion located in their city limits will be relinquished to them by the county. Davis has told them that would be a decision by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners due the road being relinquished directly to the county. Fishers has approached INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) about having their portion given directly to them and INDOT told them no, the agreement is with Hamilton County. Davis asked if we want an interlocal agreement transferring that portion of the road to Fishers or if the road remains totally Hamilton County's. Altman asked how does this affect the thoroughfare plan if we relinquish the road? Davis stated his interpretation of that road is that it is a primary arterial for the county; he is not sure how Fishers interprets the road. Holt asked if a county can keep a road without an interlocal agreement if it is annexed? Holt asked Davis to discuss this with Mike Howard.

Campus Parkway/146th Street Interstate Road Signage

Davis stated he submitted an interstate signage request for Campus Parkway and 146th Street to INDOT, which was declined, INDOT will only allow one name on the sign. We could request directional signage be placed on the ramps. Altman asked if the signage can be pulled back before a driver has to determine your travel lane. Davis recommends using Campus Parkway with 146th Street supplemental signs. Dillinger moved to approve Davis' recommendation. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Fall Creek Bridge Name Request

Davis stated there has been a request by Tom Brit to name the Fall Creek Bridge the Rosenberg Bridge. Altman moved to decline the request. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

161st Street/Gray Road

Davis reported the cost of construction for the 161st Street and Gray Road intersection improvement is approximately \$1.6 million. Right of Way acquisition costs are approaching \$250,000. The project is funded through design; it is not funded into right of way engineering or services. The intent is to have Cripe complete the design and then the project will be paused until additional funds are appropriated. Davis stated he thinks Westfield would be interested in partnering on this project. Westfield has an agreement with Noblesville that they control the eastern boundary. Altman is interested in proceeding if there is an interlocal agreement in place to share costs with Westfield. Davis will discuss this option with Westfield. Mr. Joel Thurman stated final design should be completed sometime during the first half of 2010.

Stimulus Update

Davis reported the entire list of proposed stimulus projects will be submitted by the accelerated due date of September 1, 2009. Davis feels confident that all of the MPO funded projects will go to a possible December letting with construction beginning in 2010. Davis anticipates the reserve projects going to bid; he is not sure when the INDOT projects will be let. Davis is confident that the Mule Barn Road project and the sign upgrade project will go to an INDOT letting. The other projects will depend on how INDOT is spending the funds.

146th Street Corridor Study

Denny Cobb, Ryan Klug and Randy Willing of First Group Engineering presented the findings of a corridor study for 146th Street from Allisonville Road to Cumberland Road. Klug stated the Commissioners have identified this corridor will experience a lot of growth in the future.

Project's needs and purpose was:

- Unacceptable level of service for the design year 2032 traffic
- Improve the operation of this segment to a level of service to "D" or better
- Facilitate the use of 146th Street as an east-west county thoroughfare

Klug reviewed the options as simulated with 2032 traffic counts at am/pm peak hours:

- No build
- At grade alternative
 - Building out as best as they can, at grade
 - Add lane at each intersection
 - Add turn lanes at each intersection
- Two interchanges option (preferred option)
 - Located at Allisonville Road
 - Located at S.R. 37

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Summary of cost for entire project is \$150 million (two miles of interstate class roads, all approaches, all ramps and two interchanges). Right of Way costs are estimated at \$18 million out of the \$150 million. Costs are at 2009 dollars. Further action requested:

- Study possible elevated roundabout on Allisonville at 146th Street
- Provide a cost breakdown of what funding is payable out of Major Bridge fund and what other monies are needed.
- Look at various funding formulas from federal, state and local
- Tim Knapp will bring land acquisition information to the next Commissioner's Executive Session.

S.R. 37

Mr. Dave Richter stated United Consulting believes SR 37 from 126th Street north to at least SR 32 could be significantly improved by applying the Carmel Keystone Parkway concept to this stretch of highway. This would include the basic concept of reconstructing each of the existing signalized intersections through this stretch of road to a modified roundabout interchange. This would improve the quality of life and business development along this corridor by eliminating traffic signals and replacing them with free flow separated interchanges using the modified roundabout interchange footprint.

Richter has contacted involved parties and has received positive feedback. Richter recommended the next step would be for the Commissioners to meet with INDOT to discuss the concept of relinquishing this segment of SR 37 to Hamilton County. The Commissioners would like to have something in writing that Fishers and Noblesville are in agreement before approaching INDOT. Holt asked Richter to attend the next Commissioner's Executive Session for further discussion.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROJECT

Certificate of Substantial Completion

Dillinger moved to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Art Iron on the Community Corrections Building. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Release of Retainage

Dillinger moved to approve the Release of Retainage funds for Art Iron for their work on the Community Corrections building. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Radio Tower

Mr. Dan Stevens reported the radio tower construction will begin Tuesday, September 1, 2009. It will take approximately two weeks for completion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner
Dawn Coverdale, Auditor
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Jim Neal, County Highway Engineer
Tim Knapp, Highway Right-of-Way Manager
Joel Thurman, Highway Project Engineer
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor
Denny Cobb, First Group Engineering
Ryan Klug, First Group Engineering
Randy Willing, First Group Engineering
David Richter, United Consulting
Dan Stevens, Community Corrections Project

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ATTEST

Dawn Coverdale, Auditor